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SUBJ: PRESS ALLEGATIONS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT WITH SPANISH NON-COMMUNIST
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1. THE SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WAS CONVEYED TO GARCIA LOPEZ, WHO SAID HE WAS NOT GOING TO HARP ON THE SUBJECT. WE GAVE HIM COPY OF SACRAMENTO BEE ARTICLE AND HE RECOGNIZED IT DID NOT ALLEGE OPERATIONS BUT ONLY AN UNDERSTANDABLE CONCERN ABOUT COMMUNISM IN SPAIN, WHICH HE SHARED. HE ONLY WISHED TO POINT OUT, AS A GENERAL OBSERVATION, THAT NATIONALISM WOULD REMAIN AN IMPORTANT FORCE IN SPAIN, AND CONSEQUENTLY FOREIGN INTERVENTION, HOWEVER WELL INTENTIONED, WOULD LIKELY BACKFIRE.

2. AT ALL EVENTS, HE WASN'T AFTER THE U.S. GARCIA LOPEZ, A MAVERICK SOCIAL DEMOCRAT WITH SOME TIES TO THE SPANISH MILITARY, HAS ENJOYED THE GOOD PUBLICITY THAT HAS UNDENIABLY ACCRUED TO
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HIM, AND NOW PLANS TO PLAY THE NATIONALIST CARD FOR ALL

IT IS WORTH VIS-A-VIS THE WEST EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR THE HISTORICAL SOCIALISTS, THE PSOE OF FELIPE GONZALEZ AND ITS AFFILIATED UGT LABOR GROUPING. ALSO, HAVING VISIBLY ESTABLISHED HIS NATIONALIST CREDENTIALS, HE PLANS SHORTLY TO GO AFTER SOME OF THE SOVIET SURROGATES HERE, PARTICULARLY THE EAST GERMANS AND THE RUMANIANS, FOR THEIR NOTEWORTHY INTERVENTIONIST ACTIVITIES.

3. WHILE THE AFFAIRE GARCIA LOPEZ WOULD SEEM TO BE PRETTY MUCH OVER AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, ALTHOUGH IT PROBABLY WILL COME UP AGAIN IN MAGAZINE COMMENTARY, WE ALSO FACE THE LIKELIHOOD OF A MAGAZINE "EXPOSE" WRITTEN BY "CAMBIO 16" OF THE CIA IN SPAIN. THE "EXPOSE" WRITTEN BY STEVE WEISSMAN AND NICOLE SZULC WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF PHILIP AGEE, REPORTEDLY IDENTIFIES EIGHT CIA OFFICERS IN MADRID AND ALLEGES THAT CIA IS BACKING THE SPANISH SOCIALISTS, PRESUMABLY THE PSOE. THE ARTICLE REPORTEDLY ACCUSES TWO OF THESE OFFICERS OF INVOLVEMENT WITH THE BRAZILIAN AND VIETNAMESE SECURITY SERVICES IN TORTURE ACTIVITIES. THAT THE ARTICLE IS ABOUT TO APPEAR IS KNOWN WITHIN THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT AND, HAVING IN MIND THE GREEK EXPERIENCE, SOME WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT ARE TRYING TO STOP IT, BUT THEY MAY NOT SUCCEED.

4. WE PLAN TO FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE IN REF WITH RESPECT TO "CAMBIO 16" ARTICLE IF IT APPEARS AND, IF QUERIED, FOLLOW THE CUSTOMARY NO COMMENT RULE WITH REGARD TO ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER PEOPLE NAMED IN ARTICLE ACTUALLY ARE CIA OFFICERS. BEYOND FOLLOWING THE BASIC GUIDANCE, HOWEVER, WE RECOMMEND ON GROUNDS OF SECURITY FOR THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED AND OUR IMAGE IN SPAIN, THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO DENY THE ALLEGATIONS OF COMPLICITY OF OFFICERS STATIONED HERE IN TORTURE ACTIVITIES ELSEWHERE, SHOULD THOSE SMEARS APPEAR IN THE "CAMBIO 16" ARTICLE.
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